ERC Synergy Grant 2020

Research proposal [Part B2][[1]](#footnote-1)

*(not evaluated in Step 1)*

* Name of the corresponding Principal Investigator (cPI) and corresponding Host Institution (cHI)
* List the other PIs, indicating the Host Institution of each PI

**Part B2: *The scientific proposal* (max. 15 pages, excluding the Resources section and References)**

*Text highlighted in grey should be deleted.*

***Please respect the following formatting constraints: Times New Roman, Arial or similar, at least font size 11, margin sizes (2.0 cm side and 1.5 cm top and bottom), single line spacing. References and Resources section do not count towards the page limit****.*

**Section a. State-of-the-art and objectives**

**Section b. Methodology**

**Section c. Resources (including project costs)**

(Note: Describe the resources needed according to the indications in the *Information for Applicants to the Synergy Grant 2020 call, section 2.3 The research proposal.*

**Each PI is required to fill in their budget breakdown using the following budget table and the declaration of their level of commitment to the project.** Depending on the number of PIs you may delete unneeded columns**.** All eligible costs requested should be included in the budget. **Please use whole euro values only**. In case you are requesting additional funding (up to EUR 4 million) above the normal EUR 10 million, **include** these top-up costs in the common budget table as well and justify your request in the second table at the end. In addition to the budget table, please **describe and fully justify** the amount of funding considered necessary to fulfil the objectives throughout the duration of the project.

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| **Cost category** | | | **Corresponding PI** | **2nd PI** | **3rd PI** | **4th PI** | **Total in euro** |
| **PI name** | | |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Host Institution** | | |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Direct Costs**2 | **Personnel** | PI3 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Senior Staff |  |  |  |  |  |
| Postdocs |  |  |  |  |  |
| Students |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other (please specify) |  |  |  |  |  |
| *i. Total Direct costs for Personnel (in euro)* | |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Travel** | |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Equipment** | |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Other goods and services** | Consumables |  |  |  |  |  |
| Publications4 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other (please specify) |  |  |  |  |  |
| *ii. Total Other Direct Costs (in euro)* | |  |  |  |  |  |
| *iii. Internally invoiced goods and services (in euro*5 | |  |  |  |  |  |
| **A – Total Direct Costs (i + ii + iii)** (in euro) | | |  |  |  |  |  |
| **B – Indirect Costs (overheads)** 25% of Direct Costs6 (in euro) | | |  |  |  |  |  |
| **C1 – Subcontracting Costs** (no overheads) (in euro) | | |  |  |  |  |  |
| **C2 – Costs of in kind contributions not used on beneficiary’s premises**7 (in euro) | | |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total Estimated Eligible Costs (A + B + C)** (in euro) | | |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total Requested Grant** (in euro) | | |  |  |  |  |  |

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2An additional cost category 'Direct costing for Large Research Infrastructures' applicable to H2020 can be added to this table (below ‘Other Goods and services’) for PIs who are hosted by institutions with Large Research Infrastructures of a value of at least EUR 20 million and only after having received a positive ex-ante assessment from the Commission's services.

3 When calculating the salary, please take into account the percentage of each PI's dedicated working time to run the ERC funded project (i.e. minimum 30% of the working time).

4 Include in the Publications costs Open Access fees, dissemination activities, etc.

5 E.g. access to internal services that are charged as unit costs. For Access to large facilities: If the facility is in-house, the cost should be listed under 'iii. Internally invoiced goods and services'. If the facility is external, it should be listed under 'C2. Costs of in kind contributions not used on the beneficiary’s premises’.

The project cost estimation should be as accurate as possible. Significant mathematical mistakes may reflect poorly on the credibility of the budget table and the proposal overall. The evaluation panels assess the estimated costs carefully; unjustified budgets will be consequently reduced. The Total Estimated Eligible Costs and the Total Requested Grant amounts in the table MUST match those presented in the online proposal submission form, section 3 – Budget.

In case you are requesting additional funding (up to EUR 4 million) above the normal EUR 10 million, fully justify your request by filling in the table below (please delete the table if not applicable). **Include these costs in the above budget table.**

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| **Request for additional funding above**  **EUR 10 000 000 for** | **Justification** |
| Keep only the category(ies) that apply to the project.  (a) covering eligible 'start-up' costs for a PI moving from another country to the EU or an Associated Country as a consequence of receiving an ERC grant and/or,  (b) the purchase of major equipment and/or,  (c) access to large facilities and/or  (d) other major experimental and field work costs, excluding personnel costs. |  |

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| **Please indicate the duration of the project in months**8**:** |  |
| **Please indicate the % of working time each PI dedicates to the project over the period of the grant:** | **%** |
| **Corresponding PI name:** |  |
| **2nd PI name:** |  |
| **3rd PI name:** |  |
| **4th PI name:** |  |

Each PI must specify their commitment to the project and how much time each one of them is willing to devote to the proposed project. Please note that each PI is expected to devote at least 30% of their working time to the ERC project.

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6 Please note that the overheads are fixed to a flat rate of exactly 25%.

7 Cost of in kind contributions provided by third parties not used on the premises of the beneficiary (e.g. access to large external facilities).

8 The maximum award is reduced pro rata temporis for projects of a shorter duration than 72 months (e.g. for a project of 60 months duration the maximum requested EU contribution allowed is EUR 8 333 333). Additional funding to cover major one-off costs is not subject to pro-rata temporis reduction for projects of shorter duration (e.g. with additional funding it is possible to request a maximum EU contribution of EUR 12 333 333 million for a project of 60 months duration).

1. Instructions for completing Part B2 can be found in the ‘*Information for Applicants to the Synergy Grant 2020 Call’*. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)